INTERVIEWER People are frequently wondering, and asking, "Just what is the Smith girl really like?" Visitors, members of the faculty and the administration, the students themselves have given their opinions on the subject, time and time again. This evening we're going to ask that familiar question once more. We have asked Miss Rose Quinn, the cook at Laura Scales House, to join us for a few minutes, because we believe the cooks in the college houses see us as we are rarely seen by the persons most frequently quoted. . . . . .Hello, Miss Quinn. . . . . Won't you sit down here next to the microphone. . . . . I suppose, Miss Quinn, your closest contact with the girls is with them as Squad members.

MISS QUINN Yes, it is. We see the girls who are on the Squads pretty regularly. The seniors don't serve on the Squads so we don't see them as much, although they do appear in the kitchen pretty often, taking care of the after dinner coffee, or maybe getting a tray for a sick girl upstairs. We know most of the seniors by this time anyway.

INTERVIEWER I imagine that seing the girls so often, and over a period of a few years, you must get to know them pretty

well.

MISS QUINN Oh, yes, I guess we get to know them as well as anyone does.

INTERVIEWER What do you think about the Squad system, Miss Quinn?

MISS QUINN We can't find any fault with the Squads. They do a very good job. Of course when the girls first come, they don't do so well, but that's not their fault. Most of them arn't used to waiting on tables like that, and the they don't know the kitchen and pantry routine, and how can they, if no one tells them. It's hard for the girls and it's hard for us at the beginning of the year, but then it all works out.

INTERVIEWER I'm glad it does. Preparing meals for seventy hungry girls must be quite a mob, even under the best of conditions. . .What do you think about the Smith girl's eating habits?

MISS QUINN I don't think I can answer that question very well. You could probably answer it better than I could. I don't know much about their eating, outside of the house. I do know, though, that we have very few leftovers from meals during the week. When you realize that the girls can finish up one hundred and fifty mashed potatoes and seven or eight quarts of gravy in

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one meal, I think you can see they must have pretty good appetites. I do think, and though it's none of my business, I often tell them what I think, that they waste too much of their time and their parents' money eating out. It's expensive. You're paying for two meals and eating only one. And the food at most of the eating places in town isn't much better than what you get right here. I've tried most of them myself on my days off. It's nice for a change once in a while, but I wouldn't bother with them too much.

INTERVIEWER What about the girls on diets, Miss Quinn? Do you make special arrangements for them, or do they manage as well as they can?

MISS QUINN We prepare just what we're told to for each meal. The menu is planned for us and we stick to it. We don't have any choice. But if one of the girls is on a doctor's diet, and lets us know about it, we're glad to help her as much as we can, by saving out a few slices of meat from the creamed chicken, or giving her more vegetables instead of potatoes. These starvation diets some of them go on every once in a while just to lose a few pounds are ridiculous, though. They do more harm than good. You girls have to eat to keep up with all you do, and eat well. The girls who go on these drastic diets usually don't eat sensibly at all.

INTERVIEWER I know. The girls aren't very sensible about things like that, I'm afraid. I've been thinking about one example, in particular, one that happens quite often at dinner (FADE OUT)

SOUND DISHES BEING PASSED. BABBLE OF A FULL DINING ROOM IN THE BACKGROUND.

JEAN I'm so hungrey. . .It's been a long, hard day. . . It looks like a good dinner tonight, Nan.

NAN Hos, wouldn't you know it ! Just when I've started a new diet, too.

JEAN Are you on a diet again? I thought you had given up that sort of thing. . .

NAN No,'if at first you don't succeed, try, try again' is my motto.

SOUND BABBLE IN THE DINING ROOM.

JEAN Aren't you drinking your juice, Nan?

NAN No, I guess not. Would you like it? . . . . As a matter of fact, I suppose I really ought to give up trying to lose weight. Why do you know I gained five pounds on last week's diet? There must be something terribly wrong with me.

Sound Babble up again.

JEAN Oh, I'm sorry, Nan. You havn't had the broccoli, yet.

MAN — Uh, no thank you. No vegetables for me tonight.

SOUND — DINING ROOM NOISES MAN.

JOAN — It's a spoon desert tonight. Wonder what it is?

MAN — I don't care.

JOAN — Well, look! That's a good answer for my question. Ice cream with butterscotch sauce.

MAN — (grumbling) Most fattening thing they could give us.

SOUND — DISHES BEING PASSED. SPOONS CLICKING.

JOAN — Um-m! The cooks sure do make wonderful sauces.

MAN — Oh h I feel so faint. Hunger, I suppose. I haven't eaten a thing, really. Maybe you'd better give me just a little bit of ice cream. You have to eat something. Oh, just a bit more than that. . . Thank you. Ice cream is really good for you, you know. It's nourishing. Maybe just a bit of butterscotch, for energy. . .(FADE OUT)

INTERVIEWER — Of course, I may have exaggerated that story a bit in retelling it, but I suppose we often do things like that, not realizing how really silly we're being.

MISS QUINN — No, not often. I really wouldn't say you were a silly group. On the whole, the girls are pretty sensible. They like to go out and have their good times, and laugh

and sing a lot, and sometimes they get pretty noisy and loud, but I like to see them having a good time. After all, you're only young once and that's such a short while. Have all the fun you can, while you can, but of course be sensible about it.

INTERVIEWER That's advice we all might profit from. . . Would you mind if I asked you a question or two about yourself, now?

MISS QUINN Oh, no. Not at all. Ask me anything you want to.

INTERVIEWER Well, I've been wondering just how long you've been here at Smith. Have you been here very long?

MISS QUINN No, Annie and I, , ,Annie, you know, is my assistant. She's my right arm in the kitchen, , , Annie and I have been here just three years this year. We worked at the University of Vermont for many years before coming here, so we're quite used to young people. I'm from Vermont, you know. It is a little strange, though after so many years of cooking for girls and boys to come here and cook just for girls.

INTERVIEWER I bet it is. How did you happen to come here?

MISS QUINN Well, during the summers Annie and I used to cook at a camp. We cooked for one hundred and fifty youngsters. The woman who ran the camp liked our cooking pretty well, I guess, and she recommended us here. We were notified

of an available job, and we decided to look into it, and , well, here we are.

[illegible] Well, that's wonderful. I happen to know that the girls at Laura Scales are very glad that you and Miss Carlson did look into it, and are here. . . And thank you very much for being here at NCSU with us this evening, Miss Winn. I've enjoyed this very much.